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Consider how, and under what circumstances, they might attempt to neutralize any such US systems.

SOVIET MILITARY R&D AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

9. What progress are the Soviets making in early research and development and advanced technologies which could lead to significant qualitative improvements in existing weapons systems, or to the development of weapon systems based on novel technical means?

10. What progress are the Soviets making toward strategic applications of lasers and beam weapons?

SOVIET ICBM SYSTEMS

11. What progress are the Soviets making toward a system capability to interfere with or destroy U.S. satellites?

Consider electronic methods of attack on both the space and ground elements as well as physical attack on the satellite itself.

12. -What progress are the Soviets making, and what are their objectives, in increasing the countersilo capability of their silo-based ICBM forces?

Give particular attention to the accuracies of the Soviet SS-X-16, 17, 18 and 19 ICBM systems.

13. What progress are the Soviets making in improving the survivability of their ICBM forces?

Consider whether the Soviets are developing and deploying land-mobile ICBMs, and if so, what progress is being made.

SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS

14. What are Soviet objectives in nuclear weapons technology, and what progress are the Soviets making in this area?

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14. What are Soviet intentions and progress in the development of long-range cruise missile systems for use against land targets?

SOVIET LONG RANGE AVIATION

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15. What is the intended size, role and armament of the Back-fire force?

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16. What progress have the Soviets made in development of improved tankers, a follow-on heavy bomber, or a stand-off carrier for air-to-surface missiles?

SOVIET NAVAL SYSTEMS

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17. What programs and plans do the Soviets have for the development and deployment of SLBM systems, including modifications to existing systems?

Include any changes made in SSBN operational practices and patrol areas and command and control capabilities.

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18. What progress have the Soviets made in development of antiship missile systems?

Include the characteristics of the guidance systems.

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19. What progress are the Soviets making toward acquisition of an effective capability for trailing submarines, and for detecting and localizing them in the open ocean?

Consider non-acoustic as well as acoustic means for detection and localization.

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EUROPE: WARSAW PACT - NATO - MBFR

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26. What are the size and composition of the Warsaw Pact and NATO forces in the NATO Guidelines Area (NGA)?
Include in particular the size, composition, and deployment of the Soviet theater nuclear stockpile.

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27. What are the capabilities, including the strengths and weaknesses, of the Warsaw Pact forces for conducting a war in the central region of Europe without prior reinforcement?

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27. What are the capabilities, including the strengths and weaknesses, of the Warsaw Pact forces to conduct a war in the central region of Europe starting from a posture which would deny warning to the NATO forces--i.e., without mobilization, prior reinforcement, or from an apparent low state of readiness?

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28. What are Warsaw Pact views, plans and doctrine for conducting war in Central Europe, including readiness, mobilization and reinforcement of Pact forces, and use of theater nuclear weapons?

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29. What are Warsaw Pact capabilities to fight a sustained non-nuclear war in Europe, including critical stockpiles and the operation of the rear services?

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30. What are the strengths and weaknesses of non-US NATO forces for war in Europe and the intentions of these forces to react in the event of war with the Warsaw Pact?

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31. Estimate the reliability of non-Soviet Warsaw Pact forces under various conditions of NATO - Warsaw Pact conflict.

EASTERN EUROPE

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32. How are political forces in Yugoslavia evolving, from the standpoints of internal cohesion and international alignment in the post-Tito period?

Give attention to Soviet policy and activity toward Yugoslavia.

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32. What trends and developments are likely in USSR-Eastern European relationships -- greater cohesion, greater autonomy, growing conflict?

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LATIN AMERICA

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54. What political, economic, and security developments seriously affect important US interests, particularly in major countries?

Include blocs or alignments being formed among Latin American states and indicators of instability of major governments.

Include indicators of instability of major governments, blocs or alignments being formed among Latin American states, and public and governmental attitudes at issue between the U.S. and Latin America (trade bill, Panama, etc.).

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55. What are Cuban attitudes and interests regarding the normalization of relations with the US and regarding the advocacy of positions undercutting the US in Latin America?

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56. What will the Panamanian government's attitudes and actions be during the course of negotiations for a new canal treaty and, if a treaty is signed, during the ratification process?

Include willingness and/or ability to accept delay or breakoff of negotiations, or delay or rejection of a treaty, and plans for pressure tactics against the US, particularly a resort to violent methods.

THIRD WORLD

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57. What are the major trends and plans of the Third World countries as a group with respect to:

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- the work of international organizations;
- policies toward the US, USSR and China;
- economic disparity with the industrial world;
- interference with traditional patterns of economic relations, including expropriation without compensation, cartels, and export restraints;
- the role of regional major powers (Brazil, Iran, Nigeria, etc.); and
- regional economic associations?

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